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Appellant: Stinson, J.

Examiner: Sweet, Thomas

Application No.: 10/721,702

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Docket: 792-64 DIV II

For: BIOABSORBABLE ENDOPROSTHESIS
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BY-PRODUCT COLLECTION

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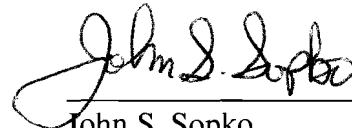
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RESPONSE TO THE NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

Sir:

The Appellant has received a Notification of a Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, dated February 28, 2008. This Response correctly states the status of an amendment filed subsequent to the final rejection. Further, the Notification of a Non-Compliant Appeal Brief specifically stated that the entire Appeal Brief need not be refilled, but only the section effected needs to be filed. Accordingly, Section IV, i.e., "Status of Amendments" has been amended, and only this section is provided herewith.

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IV. Status of Amendments

In response to the final rejection mailed February 20, 2007, an Amendment and Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116 was filed on April 20, 2007. An Advisory Action dated May 18, 2007 stated that the claim amendment presented in the Amendment and Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116 was not entered by the Examiner. A Notice of Appeal was filed on June 14, 2007 without further amendments. In addition, no further amendments have been presented after the filing of this appeal.